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*Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment*

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

*safe drinking water act – south carolina revolving fund section*

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**PROJECT:** Laurens Commission of Public Works/Water Meter Replacement Project  
(Laurens County)

This Department, under Section 48-5-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, has the authority and responsibility to conduct environmental reviews and approve drinking water preliminary engineering reports (PER) prepared for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

Our review has determined that the nature of this project is such that a full environmental review is not warranted and that the PER is substantially exempt from environmental review requirements, including Federal environmental crosscutting authorities, under the State Environmental Review Process. The Department has determined that the proposed project will not individually, or cumulatively over time, have a significant effect on the quality of the environment, and hereby issues this Categorical Exclusion (CE).

The issuance of this CE coincides with the approval of the PER entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report/2012 Water Meter Replacement for Laurens Commission of Public Works," dated June 2012. The report recommends the purchase and installation of 6,107 new water meters equipped with automated meter reading (AMR) capability. The new meters will improve distribution system operations and provide the most up-to-date technology for water accountability. The proposed construction will not require any undisturbed land to be cleared or used. The estimated capital cost for the proposed project is \$1,866,480. The Laurens Commission of Public Works will implement the plan.

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